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In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE
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Application No.: 10/699,700)	Group Art Unit: 2624
Filed: November 4, 2003)	Examiner: Bernard Krasnic
For: IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE, IMAGE)	Confirmation No.: 5850
PROCESSING METHOD, IMAGE)	
PROCESSING PROGRAM AND)	
COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING)	
MEDIUM ON WHICH THE PROGRAM)	
IS RECORDED)	

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowance dated December 24, 2009, it is asserted that the closest reference (US 5,949,968 to Gentile) discloses selecting one compression mechanism from a plurality of compression mechanisms for each of the regions according to its region type.

Applicant does not acquiesce with the asserted characterization of the Gentile reference. Applicant submits that according to the Gentile reference, compression algorithms are selected by a compressor that is part of a system for processing data objects. See Gentile: the abstract, and col. 2, lines 20-43. It seems to be misleading to characterize Gentile in the Reasons for Allowance as selecting a compression mechanism, without mentioning that such selection is performed by the compressor that is part of a system for processing data objects. Accordingly, Applicant submits the above comments to clarify Applicant's position regarding the Gentile reference.

Should any issues arise or remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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